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Feb. 23, 2004

Surface Transportation Board
Casi Central Unit
1925 K Street NW.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Attn: Ms. Ghosh.

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2/26/04

Dear Ms. Ghosh:

As President of the Quaker and New
Fountain Historical Society, I would
like to let you know we are very
concerned about the 60 historical
homes and sites that are in the
area where where the railroad
and Quarry is to be constructed.
The society is composed of residents
of Medina County who has dedicated
to preserving the history of this area.

The main concern is the flooding
of this area where some of the
homes are located. Some flooding
has occurred when big rains 6-7 inches
comes in the Elon and Quaker Creek.
Heavy debris comes down and blocks

the culverts and then the water
ran out of the creeks and
fields.

The blasting would destroy some of
the rock homes close to the Quarry.
My house close to the area already
has started cracking from a previous
blast 30 miles away. It would
affect some of our water supplies
including the Edwards Aquifer. A
ranch just N.W. of the proposed Quarry
has a Cave (very deep) with gushing
water running through the cave.

The dust from the railroad and
trucks will be very bad for
residents who have problems with
allergies.

I would appreciate your time given
this matter.

Sincerely,
Nancy Schmitz, President
Quicksand Fountain Historical Society
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